

BRISTOL CREMATORIUM



ENTRANCE TO CREMATORIUM

INFORMATION ABOUT CREMATION

Bristol Crematorium

Erected by The Bristol General Cemetery Company in 1928.

CREMATORIUM: ARNO'S VALE CEMETERY, BATH ROAD, BRISTOL.

OFFICE: 36, CORN STREET, BRISTOL.

Tel. Nos.: Crematorium 76879; Office 22168 and 22169. Telegrams: "Cremation, Bristol."

Medical Referee: RICHARD C. CLARKE, O.B.E., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P.

Deputy Medical Referee: C. E. K. HEREPATH, M.C., M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Registrar: FRANK RICHARDSON.

Superintendent: W. E. UTTING.

Owing to the exceptional interest which is taking place in regard to the practice of Cremation in and around Bristol and the West of England, the following particulars are submitted:—

Bristol Crematorium is one of eighteen similar institutions established within the British Isles; three serve Greater London, and fifteen are situate in the Provinces; the next nearest to Bristol is at Birmingham.

The Arno's Vale Cemetery and Crematorium is situate a little over one mile from Temple Meads Railway Station (G.W. and L.M.S. Railways), on the main Bristol-Bath Road. A good service of electric cars passes the Station and Crematorium entrance at frequent intervals (Service No. 9).

The main approach to the Chapels is tastefully laid out with flower beds.

The Buildings comprise Church and Chapel, Cloisters with Columns and Columbarium, the Crematorium forming an annexe to the Chapel.

Funeral arrangements and Ceremonies are conducted in the customary and usual reverent manner.



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Interior of Chapel. The Catafalque

Upon arrival at the Crematorium, the coffin, when brought into the Chapel, is placed upon the catafalque in view of the friends assembled, and remains there until the Committal Service is reached, when it is quietly lowered into the Incinerating Chamber, giving the impression of an ordinary interment.

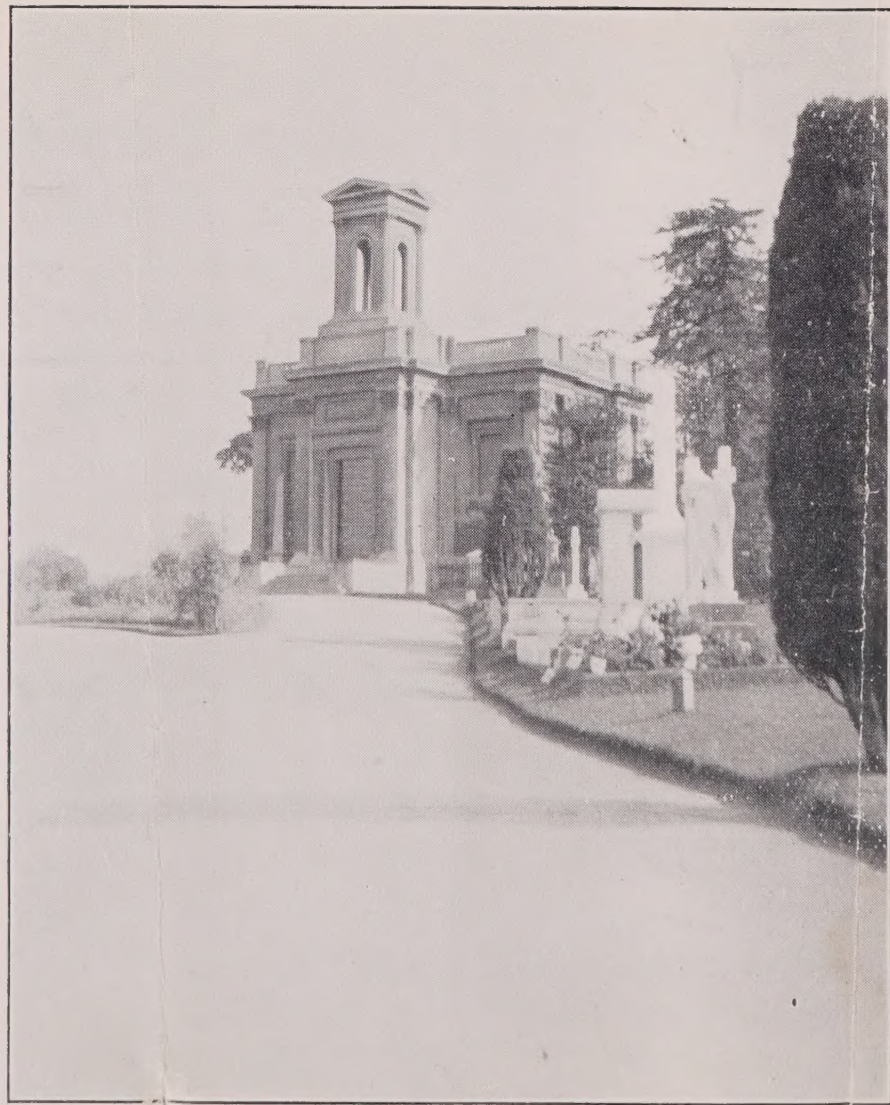
Any form of service may be arranged for at the Crematorium. Services are often held in other Places of Worship, before or after Cremation.

Incineration does not commence until the service is concluded and the mourners have left the Chapel.

It may be explained that the Incinerating Chamber is at no time visible to the friends assembled.

The system adopted at the Bristol Crematorium provides for the use of gas, about 3000 cubic feet, to obtain the required heat. The furnaces are of the surface combustion type on the principle of Cox's Ignite Combustors.

The process of incineration occupies a little over an hour, at the end of which time there remains only a mineral residue in the form of silvery grey coral-like fragments or ashes.



CHURCH EXTERIOR

Modes of Disposal of the Ashes

There are several Modes of Disposal for selection :—

- i. Urns or Caskets containing the ashes may be taken away for burial in grave spaces in other Cemeteries and Churchyards.
- ii. An Urn containing the ashes may be placed in a Niche (if acquired), which serves as a permanent memorial, in the Columbarium adjoining.
- iii. A Corner of the Cemetery has now been specially set apart and tastefully laid out as a “ Garden of Rest ” for the purpose of disposing of the ashes by scattering over the lawn.
- iv. Ashes may be stored pending instructions as to their final disposal.
- v. In cases where graves have been acquired in the Cemetery, Caskets may be interred therein.

Instructions for Arranging a Cremation

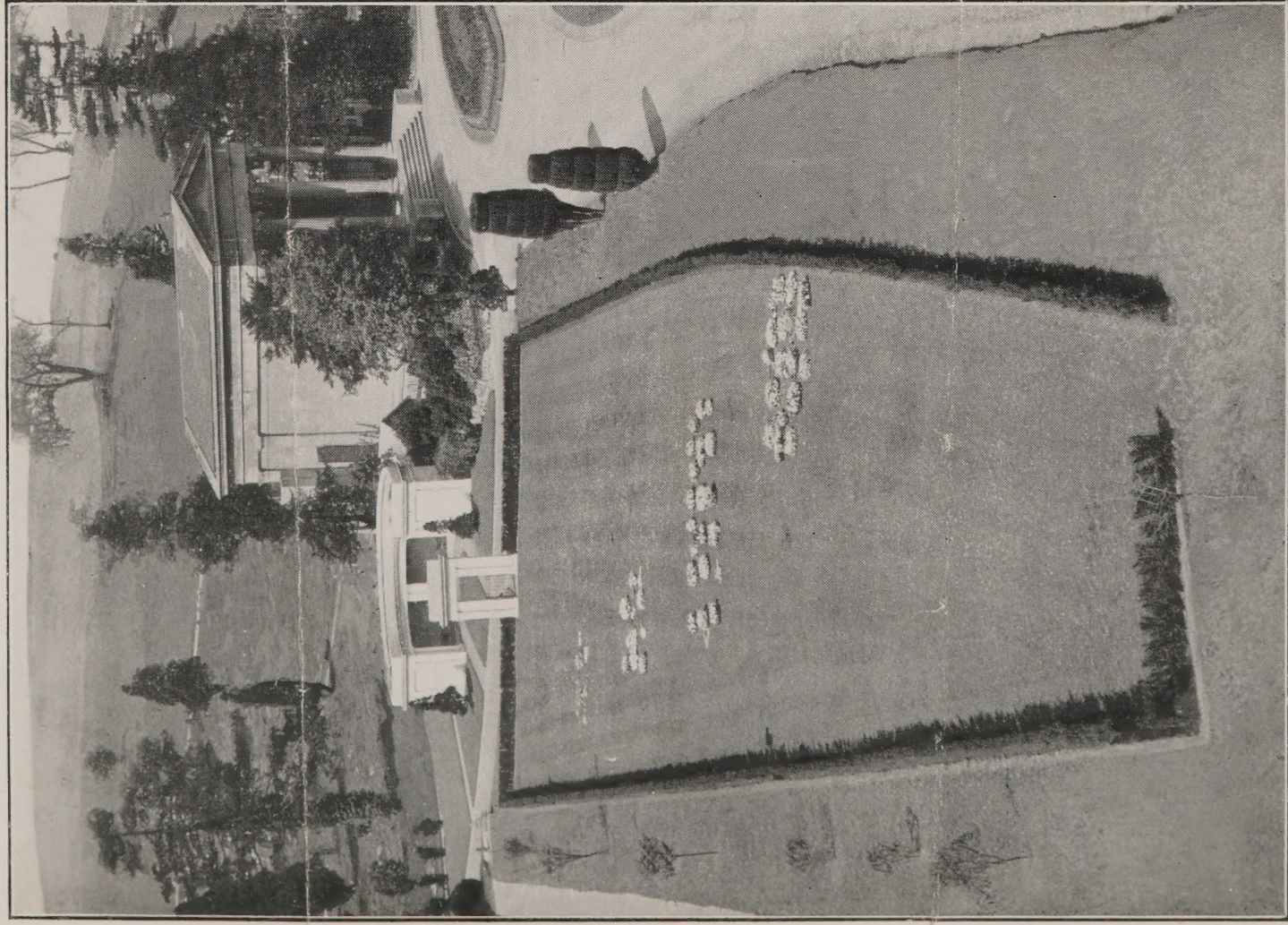
FIRST STEPS AFTER DEATH

Instruct Undertaker that Cremation is desired, and obtain from the Undertaker or Registrar at the Company's Office or the Superintendent at Arno's Vale Cemetery, Bath Road, Bristol, the Statutory Forms required by the Home Office Regulations made under the Cremation Act.

THE STATUTORY FORMS are:—

APPLICATION FORM "A."—To be filled in and signed by the Executor or near relative, and declared before a Justice of the Peace or a Commissioner for Oaths.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATES.—Form "B" to be filled in by the Doctor who attended in last illness, and who must see the body after death. Confirmatory Certificate "C," if not given by the Medical Referee, must be given by a Doctor of five years' standing who *MUST NOT* be a relative of the deceased, or a partner of the Doctor who signs Medical Certificate Form "B." The Medical Certificates must be obtained at the expense of the person applying for Cremation.



CREMATORIUM, GARDEN OF REST AND CLOISTERS

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO FORWARDING CERTIFICATES, etc., TO MEDICAL REFEREE

Before the Medical Referee can authorise a Cremation to take place, the following papers properly filled up and signed, must be in his hands :—

1. The Form of Application (Form A) duly confirmed by statutory declaration.
2. The Medical Certificates—
 - (1) Certificate of Medical Attendant (Form B),
 - (2) Confirmatory Medical Certificate (Form C).
3. The Registrar's Certificate of registration of death or, where a coroner's enquiry has been held, in lieu of Forms B and C, the Coroner's Certificate (Form E), which Certificate is specially issued by the Coroner.

It is requested that the above should be posted (or sent by hand) so as to reach the Company's Office at 36, Corn Street, Bristol, if possible, at least twenty-four hours before the time at which it is desired that the Cremation should take place.

The Undertaker is responsible for all arrangements connected with the removal of the body until it is placed on to the Catafalque.

Instructions to Undertakers

Forthwith communicate with the Registrar at 36, Corn Street, Bristol (Telephone 22168 and 22169), or to the Superintendent at Arno's Vale Cemetery (Telephone No. 76879) when desiring to arrange Cremation. The Registrar will give general information. Office hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Sundays excepted).

In case of a Coroner's enquiry, inform the Coroner that Cremation is desired ; this, at the earliest possible time ; and arrange for Coroner to give the Coroner's Certificate (Form E) instead of the usual Coroner's Order for Burial.

Cremations may take place at any time between 10 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. (except Saturdays, when time of Cremation is 9.30 to 11 a.m.). No Cremations can take place on Sundays, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or Bank Holidays.

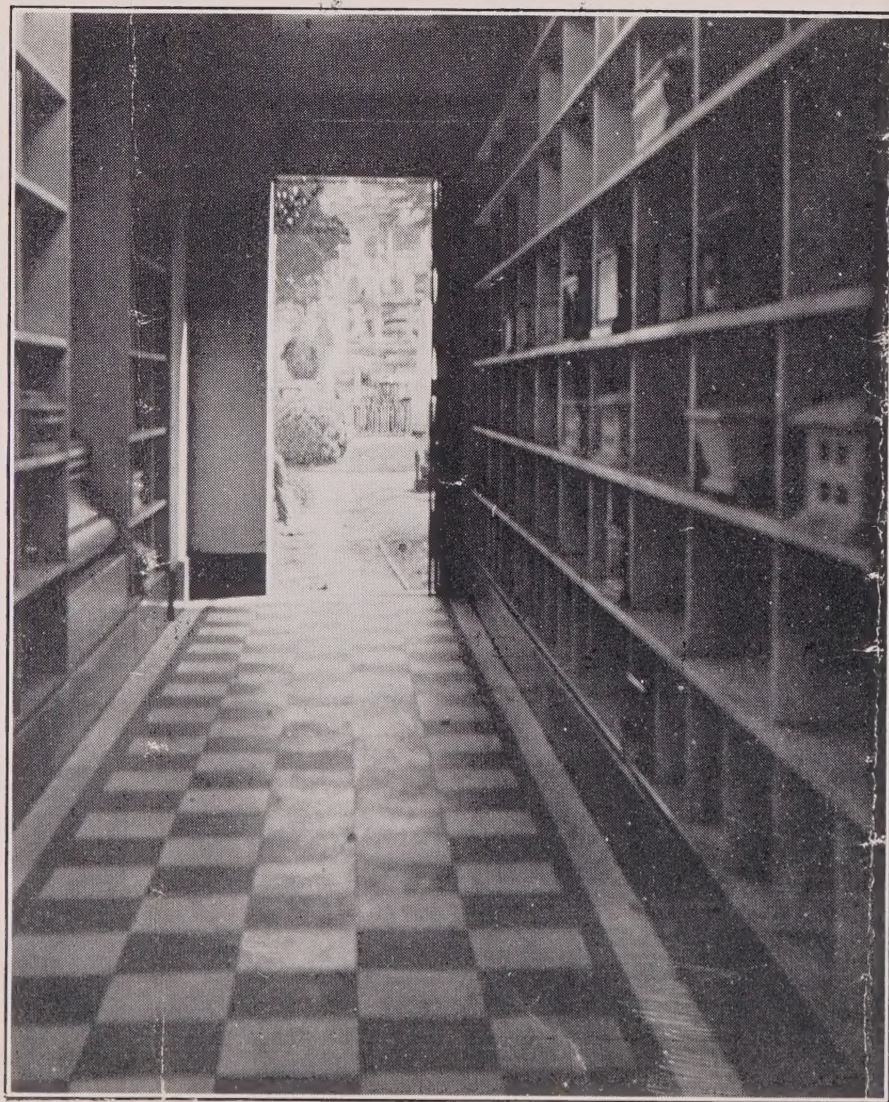
COFFIN CONSTRUCTION FOR CREMATION.

The exterior dimensions of the coffin **MUST NOT EXCEED** the following :—
Length, 7 feet ; width, 2 feet 4 inches ; depth, 2 feet.

The coffin should be invariably made of some readily combustible wood, such as cotton wood, Canadian elm, pine, or American white wood not more than half an inch thick. Wooden pegs only to be used in the construction of such coffin.

English elm and oak, being difficult to burn, are most undesirable, and when their use cannot be avoided, the boards should be as thin and dry as possible.

Metallic constructed coffins cannot be accepted.



COLUMBARIUM

The coffin must not have cross-pieces under the sole or on the bottom, but must be quite smooth "on the bottom" to enable its passage along the Catafalque.

The coffin must not be painted or varnished, but may be covered with a thin white, black, or purple woollen material, or if desired may be polished.

Brass or metal handles or ornaments of any kind may be used on the coffin, but will be removed unless made of some readily combustible metal.

Sawdust, charcoal, or cotton wool must not on any account be put into the coffin, and no pitch must be used for coating the inside. If the state of the body, or the illness from which the deceased died, makes it desirable, a thin zinc lining may be inserted, or the joints may be caulked with plaster of Paris or "Ipco."

Bearers can be provided on application to the Company.

All persons admitted into the Crematorium Chapel must comply with the requirements of the Registrar.

It is earnestly requested that the times arranged for Cremations be strictly observed. Unpunctuality is frequently the cause of serious inconvenience to those attending subsequent Cremations or funerals.

The Superintendent of the Crematorium is authorised to postpone until after the last cremation for the day is complete, the cremation of a body arriving so late as to be likely to delay succeeding cremations, or is enclosed in a heavy elm or other coffin not in accordance with these instructions, which, in his opinion, will take more than the usual time to burn.

Scale of Charges

	£	s.	d.
For a Cremation, including the use of the Chapel and all attendances after the body is placed on the Catafalque by Undertakers	6	6	0
Child Stillborn, £1 1s. ; under 5 years, £3 3s. ; under 11 years, £4 4s. ; under 17 years ..	5	5	0
For an Urn to contain the Ashes, from.. .. .	1	1	6
For a single Niche in the Columbarium to contain one Urn, per annum from ..	4	4	0
For deposit of subsequent Urns in a Family Niche, from	1	1	0
For temporary deposit of Urns (per month) pending arrangements for disposal ..		5	0
(Urn supplied by the Company may be deposited for one month free of charge.)			
Certificate of Cremation		2	7
Fee for Scattering Ashes in Garden of Rest	1	0	0
Privilege of fixing Memorial Tablets in Chapel, from	5	5	0
Privilege of fixing Memorial Tablets in Cloister, from - - - - -	1	1	0 12.
Fee for opening an Earth Grave for Interment of Urn	1	1	0
Fee for opening a Brick Grave for Interment of Urn	2	10	0
For purchase of Freehold of Niche, from	15	0	0

The annual Rents of Niches and the sums payable for purchase of Freeholds of Niches vary according to the position of the Niches.

The Services of a Church of England Chaplain or a Free Church Minister are available free of charge if desired.

Scale of Charges issued subject to alteration and future correction. Cheques, etc., should be made payable to "The Bristol General Cemetery Co." and crossed "a/c Payee." All charges must be paid in advance. The Company's printed Forms of Receipt alone recognised.

Special arrangements have been made with the Cremation Society of England for Cremation of Members of the Society.